

**Edward Shippen to George Washington, June 17, 1757,
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FROM EDWARD SHIPPEN, ESQ.¹

LANCASTER 17. June 1757

SIR

I had the pleasure to receive your favour of 28 ult. by John Spore and Company waggoners with the Ammunition for His Majestie's use, but there came A hundred and One Barrels of Gun Powder; and instead of 3 Tons of Lead, specified in the Receipt given you by Spore, there were but 48 boxes, designed at Home I suppose, to contain One hundred pounds gro or 112 lb : and I See that Mr. Hamilton the Qr. Mr. mentions in the List he Sent by the serjeant 48 boxes calling them 120 pound each with the tare; however I caused one of them to be emptied, and the lead to be weighed which proved to be but 111 lb : So that if they all turn out the Same, it will amount to no more than 5328 lb : I mentioned this to Colo. Stanwix as Soon as I discovered the difference. I beg you will believe me to be (tho' I have not the Honr. of yr. acquaintance) Sir Yr. affectionate Friend & most Obedt. Hume Servt.

EDWD. SHIPPEN

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